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TO : Deputy Assistant Director for Operations

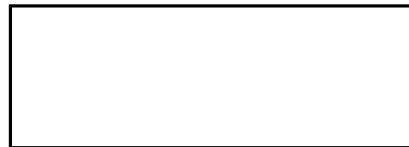
DATE: 30 March 1953

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: Proposed ORR Project on Captured Japanese Documents

25X1 1. Reference is made to our phone conversation of 27 March. This project is in the staff study stage and has been originated by [ ] of ORR. In general, it proposes the photo-duplicating of statistical tables in captured Japanese documents held by FDD. This would call for translation of column headings of these tables by FDD. As a result of this proposal and to assist ORR in understanding the magnitude of the work involved, the attached survey was prepared here and is forwarded for your information.

25X1 2. [ ] has a copy of the attached survey and will propose to Dr. Guthe that the project be undertaken on a limited experimental basis.



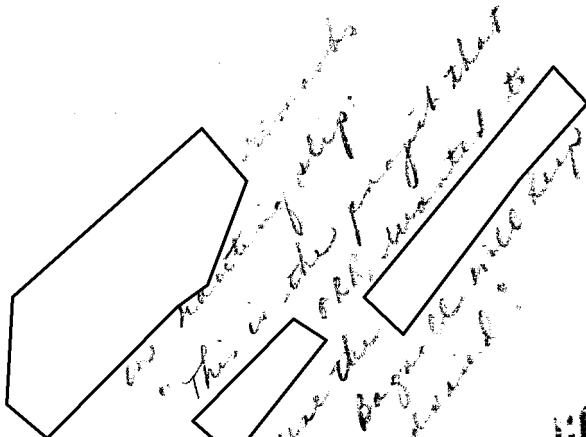
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Encl:

"Survey of Captured Japanese Documents for the ORR  
Project on Statistical Tables"

Nazi/Japanese War Crimes Task Force review completed



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TO : Chief, FDD

DATE: 27 March 1953

FROM : Deputy Chief, BF

SUBJECT: Survey of Captured Japanese Documents for the ORR Project on Statistical Tables.

Of the estimated 16,000 captured Japanese documents available in FDD, 60 percent deal with China (including Manchuria) and Mongolia. Of this, 80 percent are on economic matters in general, and of this 80 percent, it is further estimated that 10 percent have been exploited either in FDD translations and summaries or in ICF cards for the Industrial Register.

The extent of tabular statistics in the unexploited documents on China and Manchuria is 35 percent of an estimated 80 percent for all regional areas. This estimate in terms of actual number of documents is about 5,000. (ref. Tab A)

A survey of the translations and summaries made on the documents dealing with China and Manchuria indicate that the following subjects for the areas indicated have been adequately exploited and would require little or no further processing for extracting tabular statistical information (ref Tab B).

1. Railways of Manchuria (In undertaking this project, 3 weeks were spent in surveying and selecting documents from the M-K files. The entire project is covered in six reports, each report covering different railway sectors.)
2. Mineral Resources, Agriculture, Livestock and Economy of Sinkiang (The same procedure in selecting documents were applied in this project in which a number of source documents were used.)
3. Studies of the Yellow River for Power Development and Flood Control (Twelve documents representing detailed studies made by the Japanese translated.)
4. Economy of the Kwantung Leased Territory under Japan (Seven documents used in this project.)
5. Petroleum Consumption in China and Manchuria, 1911-1941.
6. Weather Agencies in China, Manchuria and Formosa (This project included meteorological statistics.)

Other subjects covered in the FDD translations listed in Tab B are from single documents and therefore not considered to be sufficiently covered for purposes of this project.

FDD Translation and Summary numbers are given in Tab B.

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Twenty documents of the category under consideration were selected at random to determine the average number of statistical tables in a representative document. It is estimated that the average document contains about 100 statistical tables which can be used for this project, the total page number for a document being about 350. Of the twenty documents surveyed, eleven contained tables in Japanese numerals, the rest in Arabic numerals.

The total number of statistical tables to be processed, then, would be about 500,000 (100 x 5,000 documents). The ratio of tables in Japanese numerals and Arabic numerals is about 11:9. Therefore, about 275,000 would be in Japanese numerals and about 225,000 in Arabic numerals.

It would require longer to process tables in Japanese numerals, but the estimated average time required to process the 500,000 tables is 125,000 man-hours at  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour per table.

It is expected that rejection of tables for duplication, non-application to selective standards set by ORR, etc., will reduce the number of tables to be processed by about 30 percent. Therefore, a more realistic estimate would be somewhere in the neighborhood of **87,500** man-hours.



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1. Documents available in FDD..... 16,000
2. Area Coverage
  - China..... 40%
  - Eastern USSR..... 30%
  - Manchuria and Mongolia..... 20%
  - South East Asia..... 8%
  - Other..... 2%
3. Subject Coverage
  - Economic (all phases)..... 80%
  - Political..... 15%
  - Other (military, geographical, etc.)..... 5%
4. Exploitation Coverage
  - Abstracts..... 100%
  - Accession Lists..... 90%
  - Translations and Summaries..... 5%
  - Industrial Register (ICF) Information..... 5%
5. Extent of Tabular Statistics in Unexploited
  - Documents..... 80%
    - a. China and Manchuria..... 35% (5,000 docs)
    - b. Other..... 45% (7,500 docs)

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TAB B. Translations on China and Manchuria

Translation Number	Title
12	Yellow River Investigation Reports. (252527)
13	Survey Data on the SAN-MEN Gorge (Dam) Site on the Yellow River. (529)
18	Consideration of a Power-Transmission System Centered in the SAN-MEN Gorge on the Yellow River. (534)
27	Japanese Plan for Hydroelectric Development of the Yellow River in China. (252519-28-33-36) Vols I, II, III
28	Second Report on the Accomplishments of the Related Companies in Manchuria. (252522)
34	Manchurian Airfields. (239991)
37	Report on the Investigations of the Conditions of the Yellow River at Pao-T'ou (252532)
40	Reports on the Construction of River Survey Stations at Shan-Hsien and Mao-Ching-Tu on the Yellow River. (252531)
41	Yellow River Flood Control and Power Generation. (Construction of a Dam in SAN-MEN Gorge). (252535)
49	Economy and Resources of Meng-chiang (278459)
51	Meteorological Data of Outer Mongolia. (261833)
52	Report on the Survey Made Between P'u-chou and Yun-ch'eng Relative to Dam Construction in the San-men Gorge of the Yellow River. (252530 (Series of Reports in the Fall of 1945)
54	Handbook of Natural Resources for Heavy Industry in Manchuria. (252523)
55	Business Reports of the Manchuria Industrial Development Corporation. (252526)
56	Tables of the Quantity and Quality of Coal Fields in North China and Meng-Chiang. (252525)
57	Complete Survey of the Yellow River and Its Riparian Districts. Vols I, II, III. (252537)
72	Data on Manchuria. (240336) USSBS.
73	Weather Agencies in China, Manchuria, and Formosa. (10 documents published between 1930 and 1942).

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- 74 Organization and Functions of the Soviet Trading Agencies for Outer Mongolia. (239771)
- 87 Mineral Resources in Southeastern Manchuria. (267323)
- 89 Revolutionary Policies of the Chinese Communist Party. (303632A)
- 92 Current Trend of Chinese Communist Revolution. (303632B)
- 96 Military Medical Geography of Meng-Chiang. (201862)
- 97 Military Geography of Outer Mongolia. (256729)
- 106 Status of the Chinese Communist Party. (303632C)
- 112 Trends in New China. (303632D)
- 113 Chinese Communist Activities Against Cities. (303632G)
- 114 CCP Line and the Comintern. (303632 Pt. I)
- 116 Changes in the Chinese Communist Party Line (303632E Pt. I)
- 117 Discussions of the San Min Chu I (Three Principles of the People)
- 118 Discussion of the Chinese Communist Party.
- 142 Survey of Chin-Hsien.
- 153 The Agrarian and Economic Program of the CCP.
- 156 A Survey of Hsing-An-Sheng. (284644)
- 158 Second Report on Analyses of Szechwan Coal
- 164 CCP Land Policy and Class Relationships in the Border Region. (303632E)
- 167 Conversion of Chang-chia-k'ou (Kalgan) into a Strategic base by the Chinese Communist Party. (303632F)
- 170 Chinese Communist Party and Army Activities Since the End of the Anglo-Japanese War (303632H)
- 176 Chinese Communist Guerrilla Warfare. (303632M)
- 178 The Economy of the Kwantung Leased Territory Under Japan. (213198, 274550, 261716, 353958, 321592, 31086, 228461)
- 181 A Short History of the Chinese Labor Movement.
- 185 The Chinese Communist General Counteroffensive (303632I)
- 187 Land Reform and Social Changes in the North China Border Regions. (303632E, Pt VII)

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- 188 Railways of Manchuria: The Tsitsihar Sector. (273626)
- 193 Railways of Manchuria: The Kirin Sector. (246433)
- 198 Information on the Economy of Sinkiang. (Documents listed in bibliography.)
- 206 Railways of Manchuria: The Harbin Sector (Annual Statistical Abstracts)
- 208 Geography of Outer Mongolia. (Eastern Region) 302647)
  
- 1/49 Railways of Manchuria: The Mukden Sector.
- 3/49 Railways of Manchuria: The Mitan-Chiang Sector.
- 8/49 Distribution of Minerals in Sinkiang. (447819)
- 9/49 Railways of Manchuria: The Chin-chou Sector.

Summaries on China and Manchuria

- 1 Mineral Resources of Sinkiang Province
- 3 Agriculture and Livestock of Sinkiang
- 4/49 The Mongolian People's Republic
- 73 Petroleum Consumption in China and Manchuria, 1911-1941

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